

Project Overview

As of May 7, 2012



Hilltop Community Mobility Plan

Description and Benefits: Project produced a plan to address pedestrian safety, bicycle accessibility and livable street issues in west Columbus. Public involvement was a key part of the process, with plans for open houses, workshops, walk audits, surveys and Web-site access. A *Safe Routes to School* Travel Plan was completed for Valleyview Elementary and Westmoor Middle schools in order to increase pedestrian safety. A second school travel plan was created for Hilltonia area schools. Project limits include the area bounded by I-270, I-70 and the railroad parallel to State Route 62. The finished project will improve walkability and neighborhood environment by planning for adequate pedestrian and bicycle facilities and reducing traffic conflicts.

Schedule:

Legislation passed and plan commenced – autumn 2008
Planning finished – summer 2010
Transportation & Pedestrian Commission Approval– March 2011
Hilltonia Area Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program development-April 2011 to October 2011, ODOT approved January 2012
SRTS funding application-March 2012
Design consultant selection-autumn 2012

Public Involvement:

Open Houses – January and August 2009
Neighborhood Walk Audits – June 2009
Steering Committee meeting – October 2009
Broad Street public meeting – May 2010
Design scope draft-March 2012
Design scope final-July 2012

Status: Ohio Department of Transportation's 2010 resurfacing project on Broad Street installed an eastbound bike lane from Warren to Guilford avenues, a westbound bike lane from Guilford to Wheatland avenues and will continue westward to Hague Avenue as a signed, shared route. An alternate bike route from Wheatland to Westgate avenues via Steele Avenue was signed and marked. Planning for extending bike lanes along Broad continues. A center turn lane was installed on Broad to help reduce traffic accidents. Parking meters were installed to promote vehicle turnover. 2012 funding requests planned for traffic calming near Hilltonia elementary schools.

Cost: Planning - \$399,000.
Design- \$250,000 (2012)

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